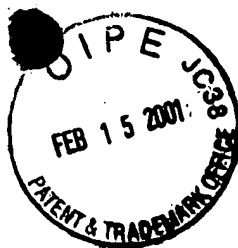


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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.115

Sir:

In a Preliminary Amendment for consideration before initial examination, please amend the above application as follows:

In the claims:

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1. (Amended) A polishing apparatus, comprising:
a rotatable member rotatable about a first axis;
at least two polishing surfaces arranged at respective angular positions about said first axis;
at least one substrate head assembly supported on said rotatable member and capable of supporting [holding] thereon a substrate in contact with a selected one of said polishing surfaces and affording relative linear movement between said selected polishing surface and said substrate head assembly while said substrate supported on [held by] said substrate head is engaged with said selected polishing surface.

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